

Animal Health Technician
GS-704-5
(SJ #9125/9128/9131)

Examples of Qualifying Experience:

- Experience as a veterinary assistant (small or large animal). Experience with animal handling and restraint. Experience advising and/or educating animal owners relative to animal health issues.
or
- Experience working with livestock and/or poultry on a farm, ranch, stable, or feedlot (e.g., ranch hand). To qualify at this level, experience should include general farm/ranch/stable duties such as feeding and watering of livestock/poultry, grooming, and stall cleaning. Experience may have also included restraining of animals for testing or sample collection.
or
- Experience working for companies that produce animal drugs and feed, animal production facilities, zoos, meat packing and/or slaughter facilities, animal shelters, animal control facilities, and spaying and neutering clinics. To qualify at this level, experience should include: analyzing official samples of commercial animal feed products for nutritional composition, inspecting animals before and after slaughter, animal health research, maintaining animal health records, examining animals to detect diseases and injuries, assisting in birth deliveries, assisting with spaying/neutering, and/or administering animal medications, vaccinations, and/or insecticides.
or
- Experience handling cattle or horses at a rodeo or sale yard. To qualify at this level, rodeo and sale yard experience should include the sorting, grouping, and and/or penning of animals. Experience may also include ensuring the safe loading and unloading of livestock to avoid injury and stress during various methods of transportation.
or
- General food inspection experience (e.g., Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS)). To qualify at this level, food inspection experience should include actual animal inspection/handling experience. Experience gained in a meat or poultry slaughter plant may be qualifying. However, food inspection experience related exclusively to processed products may not suffice at this level.